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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

1. RE STATE 94308, HEAD OF DELEGATION AND WIFE APPRECIATE OFFER OF SPASO AND WILL ACCEPT UNLESS SOVIETS OFFER GUEST HOUSE FOR WHOLE DELEGATION. ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 25.
2. FYI AND SO WE CAN GET YOUR FEEDBACK PERSONNEL IS CONSIDERING FOLLOWING SOLUTION TO COMPLEX OF STAFFING PROBLEMS:
 - A. HULINGS FROM HELSINKI TO REPLACE WILKINSON IN 76 VIA LT;
 - B. BLAKEBURN TO ADMIN LENINGRAD.
 - C. NAPPER TO REPLACE BLAKEBURN IN CONSULAR JOB LENINGRAD.
 - D. FREDERICK POLASKY, FSO-8 CURRENTLY IN QUEBEC WITH S-3 R-3 RUSSIAN TO MOSCOW VICE NAPPER.

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THIS LEAVES US WITH REQUIREMENT TO FILL IN BEHIND DARBYSHIRE

AND SEARCH STILL UNDERWAY FOR RIGHT CANDIDATE. IT ALSO ELIMINATES LYNN FROM RUNNING FOR LENINGRAD CONSULAR JOB. HE COULD POSSIBLY REPLACE DARBYSHIRE IN SCIENCE JOB OR ALTERNATIVELY HE COULD COME OUT EARLY AND REPLACE FORD IN PPO SLOT FREEING FORD FOR POL/INT JOB (THIS IF NO OTHER BETTER CANDIDATE COMES ALONG AND IF FORD SHOWS PROMISE.)

3. RE SUMMER TURNOVER, IT NOW LOOKS CERTAIN THAT THERE WILL BE A "HARD" TRAVEL FREEZE WHICH IS ALREADY BEING APPLIED AND THAT NO ONE WILL MOVE BEFORE JULY 1. THIS WILL PUT OFF COMBS ETA UNTIL JULY 7 AND WILL UPSET LOTS OF OTHER PLANS OF OURS AND YOURS. RE PARA 7 REFTTEL, THIS FREEZE APPLIES ONLY TO TRANSFERS AND NOT TO IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL AS FAR AS WE KNOW.

4. RE MOSCOW 5681, PARA 8, WE ARE WORKING ON ACTION MEMO AS YOU SUGGESTED BUT THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE DECISION IS OBTAINED. SINCE BY OUR CALCULATIONS THEY ARE ALREADY 2-3 OVER THE RATIO IN SAN FRANCISCO, WE ARE INCLINED TO HOLD THE LINE THERE AND NOT LET IN THE TWO ADDITIONAL THEY ARE ASKING FOR. CURRENT DATA ON SAN FRANCISCO COMING TO YOU SPETEL.

5. RE PARA 10 SAME MESSAGE, THE ONE MILT REFERRED TO IS OFF (TO BE HANDLED AT LOWER LEVEL.) ONE EVENT OF POTENTIAL INTEREST IS NATO SUMMIT AT THE END OF MAY. I KNOW NOTHING MORE. KISSINGER

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